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Applicant	Hubert Manhes
Serial No. 09/214,875	Filing Date: April 19, 1999
Title of Application:	Trocars Sleeve For Endoscopic Applications
Confirmation No. 8095	Group Art Unit: 3731
Examiner	Vy Q. Bui

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Notice of Appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences and Request For Oral Hearing

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board from the Office Action, mailed May 16, 2003, finally rejecting claims 24-31, all pending claims in the application.

1. **Status of Applicant.** This application is on behalf of other than a small entity.
2. **Fee for Filing Notice of Appeal.** Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(E), the fee for filing the Notice of Appeal is \$320.00.

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3. **Time To Reply.** The final rejection is dated May 16, 2003. The period for response granted therein is three months from the date thereof. Thus, this Notice is timely filed on or before August 16, 2003.

4. **Request for an Oral Hearing.** Applicant hereby requests an Oral Hearing.

5. **Fee for Requesting Oral Hearing.** Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(d), the fee for requesting an Oral Hearing is \$280.00.

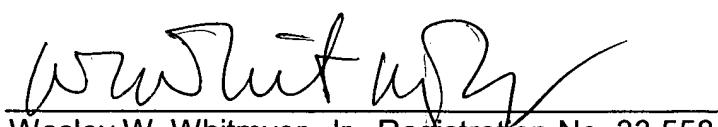
6. **Total Fee Due.** The total fee due is:

Notice of Appeal fee	\$320.00
Request for Oral Hearing	<u>\$280.00</u>
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7. **Fee Payment.** Attached is a check in the amount of \$600.00. This is also a petition and a request to charge to Account No. 19-4516 for any additional extension and/or fee as may be required or credit for any excess fee paid.

Respectfully submitted,

August 14, 2003


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